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PA ARTS COUNCIL DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS FOR 2007 INDIVIDUAL ARTISTS FELLOWSHIPS

HARRISBURG - The Pennsylvania Council on the Arts said today people wanting to participate in the 2007 Individual Artists Fellowship program have until Aug. 1 to submit their online applications.

The PCA supports the creative work of outstanding Pennsylvania artists by annually awarding fellowships in fixed amounts of either \$5,000 or \$10,000.

Discipline categories for 2007 include:

- Crafts;
- Arts commentary: Perspectives on the arts;
- Folk and traditional arts: Craft traditions and apprenticeships;
- Literature: Fiction or creative non-fiction;
- Media arts: Narrative and animation;
- Music: Jazz/blues/world or non-classical composition;
- Theatre: New performance forms; and
- Visual arts: Photography or sculpture/installation.

People interested in applying for a PCA Fellowship must be permanent residents of Pennsylvania who have established residency for at least two years prior to the application deadline. Prior recipients from the award period Jan. 1, 2006, to Dec. 31, 2006, may not apply. Fellowship guidelines require all recipients to wait one year before applying again to the program. Students in high school or in undergraduate or graduate arts programs at the time of application are ineligible to apply for a Fellowship.

This year prospective applicants are able to submit online through eGRANT[™], an online, electronic process developed by Carnegie Mellon University's Center for Arts Management and Technology. People applying in the "visual arts," "crafts," and "folk and traditional arts" categories will upload work sample images online and submit them with their application. The online submission deadline is 11:59 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 1.

Fellowships are distributed based upon demonstrated artistic excellence. Applicants' work samples are reviewed by a panel of jurors from outside of Pennsylvania who are arts professionals with expertise in specific disciplines. All review processes are anonymous, with the exception of the categories of "folk and traditional arts" and "arts commentary." Jurors recommend potential Fellowship recipients and respective award amounts to the agency's 19-member council, which is then responsible for final award decisions.

To obtain additional information, visit <http://www.pacouncilonthearts.org>, or call the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts at (717) 787-6883.

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